The Fund for the erection of a monment to Mayor Gaynor amounts to

President Wilson's Vacation is great-

City Funds for Feeding the unem- FIFTY WITNESSES HEARD AT THE ployed at San Francisco have been ex-

Navigation on the Hudson between New York and Albany is closed for

the season, Dr. Joseph H. Schenck, patent med-cine manufacturer of Philadelphia, is

dead of apoplexy, aged 65 years. On a Pilgrimage of 14,000 miles, one hundred nobles of the Mystic Shrine sailed from Seattle yesterday for Ma-nila.

Robbers Who Broke Into the Fredo-nia Valley bank at Fredonia, Ky., took between \$7,000 and \$10,000 in cash and

Stephen Godo, a butcher of St. Louis offers to sell his six-year-old daughter for \$2,000 and his eight-year-old son for \$1,000.

A Campaign to Encourage the raisng of more and better livestock has been inaugurated by the Waterville, Me., board of trade.

Rev. Dr. John Milton Worrall, a videly known Presbyterian clergyman, died at Philadelphia yesterday from neumonia. He was 88.

Governor Davidson of Newfoundland ssued a proclamation last night summoning the legislature elected last October to meet Wednesday, Jan. 24.

Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake, a pioneer in the cause of woman suffrage, died in a sanitarium at Englewood, N. J., yesterday, aged 80 years. The Need of More Good Teachers of

nodern languages in the schools of the country is urged by the United States bureau of education. W. Cameron Forbes, former governor

general of the Philippines, declared yesterday that he would not accept the position of police commissioner of New York. Renel R. Fleming, a navy musician, who contracted smallpox on the battle-

ship Ohio, died Sunday at the Guanta-

namo isolation camp. He came from Mayor Flake of Mount Vernon, N. Y., revoked the license of the Savoy theatre to prevent an exhibition of

The Simpson-Crawford company, While New York Sleeps. Lucy Hoke Smith, daughter of Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, and Ensign Alston R. Sampson, U. S. N., were married at Washington yesterday at

Senator Smith's home. A Telegraph Company is not responsible for errors made in a message inless they are the result of gross negligence, the court of appeals at Albany, N. Y., held yesterday.

Albion Mackay, 35, and Oscar Niami 29, of Fall River were seriously in-jured when a seven-pound can of gunpowder exploded in a shack at a Bullock street quarry yesterday.

At a Mass Meeting of Strikers yesterday afternoon it was decided to for-mally call off the garment workers' strike which has been in progress at

Philadelphia since last July. Gordon F. Matthews, a Buffalo attorney, who was found shot to death in his bathroom Christmas afternoon, and who was pronounced a suicide by the medical examiner, was murdered.

Twenty-three Out of Forty enlisted men in the navy have successfully passed the examination for machinists. which places them in line of promotion

after six years' service in rank of chief machinist. Miss Mildred Zimmerman, daughter

Resolutions Prohibiting Its members rom affiliation with Theta Nu Epsi

lon, an inter-fraternity society, were

adopted at yesterday's session of the

Arrangements Are Being Made by panies or partnerships or individuals organized labor to give a big dinner is insolvent, in bankruptcy sense of at Washington Jan. 27 in honor of Samuel Compers, president of the

"The institution of the present suit American Federation of Labor, on the occasion of his 64th birthday anniver-Col. Robert M. Thompson, who was

Indicted with James E. Patten and others under the Sherman anti-trust law for cornering the cotton market in 1909, entered a plea of noto contendere in the federal court at New York yesterday and was fined \$4,000.

The Annual Revenue of the town of Webster is increased about \$5,000 while that of the town of Milton suffers a corresponding decrease through the decision of the state tax authorities that the former place is the resi-

dence of Mrs. Horaflo N. Slater. "Resistance" on the Part of Women of the country to the federal income tax law, despite the government's announced intention to impose fines of \$1,000 for each failure to report inmes, will receive the encouragement

of the suffragists' congressional union.

"Jack" Binns, the wireless operator hero of the steamer Republic disaster n 1909, will receive \$12,500 because a moving picture concern exploited a fake portrait of him. The court of appeals at Albany, N. Y., yesterday upheld the judgment for that amount btained against the Vitagraph com-

Another Clash at Shelton, Conn., between the police and strikers and their sympathizers, during which a umber of shots were fired, occurred esterday morning in connection with the sirike in the weave shop of the S. Blumenthal company's slik mill. gar Randall, who arrived here today Mrs. Mary S. Marsh, a non-partici-from Campeche fishing banks, reported pant, was struck by a revolver bullet. pant, was struck by a revolver bullet.

passing 200 miles southwest of Mobile Her wound will not prove fatal. bar a vessel on fire that is believed to

be the abandoned bark Sirdar, whose STRIKE OF RAILROAD

TELEGRAPHERS AVERTED

Concessions by Both Sides in "Frisco" Road Controversy.

St. Louis, Me., Dec. 30.—A strike of legraphers on the St. Louis and San rancisco railroad was averted late his afternoon when the receivers of the road reached an agreement with of Raffway Telegraphers.

The receivers refused tenight to give out the details of the settlement, but will give them out when the terms are torses were burned to death in a fire formally drawn up. This work is exstable tonight. The fire's origin is un- was announced, however, that concessions had been made by both sides.

PRICE TWO CENTS Wide Variance Condensed Tr grams

in Testimony

MAN WHO CRIED "FIRE"

PANIC INQUEST.

Ten or More Different Descriptions of Him Presented-Indications That Cry Came from Somebody in Hall.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 80 .- Possible dentification of the man who started the Christmas eve catastrophe by call-ing "Fire!" in a crowded hall here was forecasted tonight by O. N. Hilton, chief of counsel for the Western Federation of Miners. Mr. Hilton asked that the coroner's inquest into the tragedy of 72 deaths be adjourned until tomorrow, saying that he desired to produce several witnesses who claimed they could identify the man.

Cry Came from Within Hall. "I shall present these witnesses only after I make sure they can do what they say," he said. "It would be horrible to implicate an innocent person

in such a deed." The greater part of the evidence again today was that the cry of fire came from within the hall. Three of the thirty or more witnesses claimed to have seen a Citizens' Alliance button on the man, making five of half a hundred persons examined in the two days of the inquest who made this statement.

Ten Different Descriptions.

Several stated they saw the man who cried fire, but most of them said they had seen no pin. He was seen, however, by persons in different parts of the hall and there were a half a score of descriptions of the man.
Three wilnesses, Mrs. Theresz Czabo,
Charles Olson and Hilda Forsten, swore they saw a man wearing a Citizens' Alliance button come into the door, wave his hands and cry "Fire!"

Contradicts Previous Testimony. These statements controverted the testimony yesterday of two union men who said they stood in the vistibule of the hall and that the cry came from within the the place, no one wearing the insignia of the union's enemies having passed them. It also was the opposite of that given by members of the women's auxiliary of the feder-ation, in charge of the celebration, who the film drama Traffic in Souls, or testified they had seen the man in parts of the hall other than the door-

way. Children as Witnesses.

Mrs. Czabo and the Forsten girl admitted under cross examination by jurors that they had discussed their testimony with attorneys or officers of the miners' union. Olson said he had not talked about his experience with anyone connected with the in-

vestigation. The proceedings were held in the hall where the disaster occurred and several child witnesses re-enacted their parts in the tragedy. One girl emphasized that her greatest anxiety was to save her bag of candy.

Federal Official Hears Testimony. Part of the proceedings were heard by John P. Densmore, solicitor of the lepartment of labor, who arrived today and spent the opening hours of his task of conciliation with leaders of the union. He was accompanied by Claude O. Taylor, president of the Michigan state federation of labor and

the two afterwards visited union head-

quarters, later returning to Hancock. BODY OF MISSING MAN

DISCOVERED IN A WELL Believed That Viotim Accidentally Stumbled Into It.

Thomaston, Conu., Dec. 30 .- The body of John Reilly, who disappeared from his home in what is known as Fluteville, near here, last Friday, was found today by Silas Frost's dog, frozen to death in a well, and with two large stones wedged in upon him. The well was about six feet deep, with

two feet of water in it. Mr. Frost was starting on a hunting rip when his dog made the discovery of the body. The well is located in an old field near the roadside, about a mile above this town. Near the well is

an embankment. Dr. Goodwin, the medical examiner, who made an examination, says that Reilly's death was accidental. He advanced the theory that Reilly had gone down the embankment and accidentally tumbled into the well, which was half covered with bushes. In attempting to pull himself out of the predicament, the medical examiner believes that Reilly pulled the two large stones upon The body, frozen stiff, was in a

standing position when found. Cut Throat With Lamp Chimney. Bristol, Conn., Dec. 30 .- Patrick Hynan, aged 38, and unmarried, attempted suicide in his boarding house to-night, and if the attempt is not successful eventually it will be almost a miracle. He locked himself in his room, broke a lamp chimney and, using the fragments, cut his throat from one ear to the other, severing the jugular vein partly. He also cut himself in another part of the throat, opening the windpipe. Hyman is a machinist. He is said to have been drinking heavily

Trunk Victim Identified. New York, Dec. 20.—The body of the trunk yletim was identified today as "Laborer No. 102," employed by J Denovan, a contractor at Cornwall, N. Y. A foreman for Donovan viewed the body at the morgue. He could not say who "Laborer No. 102" was, but declared he employed the man on work at Garrison, N. Y., for about a month, up to one week ago. Acting on this clue, detectives from New York went to Garrison to learn the identity of

President Cables Sympathy. Washington, Dec. 30. - President Wilson today sent from Pass Christian, Miss., a message to King Gustave V of Sweden offering his "sincere sympathy and that of the government and people of the United States in the sad affliction which has befallen his majesty and the royal family in the death of his well beloved and illustra-

ous mother, her royal highness, the Queen Downger Sophie.' Republican Reorganization.

Des Moines, ia., Dec. 30.—Adherence to the programme for the reciganization of the republican party determined upon at the recent meeting of the republican national committee in Machington and proceed by Committee in Washington was urged by Senator Albert B. Cummins in an address before the Grant club here tonight.

Auto Burglars Steal Furs. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 30 .- Clever burglars, using an automobile, it is helieved, stole furs valued at \$3,000 from the Standard Fur company's store at No. 241 Orange street tenight,

SWAM RIVER TO THE AMERICAN SIDE

Retreating Rebels Who Sought Safety in United the cabinet States Reported to Have Been Forced Back

AMERICAN COMMANDER'S ACTION SURPRISING

Doubt as to Accuracy of This Report Expressed at Washington-No New Instuctions Issued to Warrant This Course -Lind Leaves Vera Cruz to Confer With Wilson-War Vessels of Three Nations at Mazatlan-Reason Unknown

state or war departments today reacross the border in Ojinaga. Some doubt was expressed as to the procedure said to have been adopted by the American military commander at Presidio in the treatment of the fed-eral soldiers seeking to cross the line into Texas. The state department has given no instructions and made no requests looking to any different treatment for such refugees than was accorded to the federals who were driven across the line several months ago at Naco, Ariz, and at Brownsville, Tex. In those cases the soldiers were disarmed and interned; the Naco fugi-tives being sent to Fort Rosecrans, Cal., for safe keeping, and the Brownsville refugees being detained at that

No New Instructions to American

Officers. It is said at the war department tion. that no new instructions have been given to the American military comfederal soldlers who crossed the line lana coast whence he will proceed as were disarmed by American troops and | quickly as possible to Pass Christian then forced to return into Mexico, that it must have been because the Ameri-can commanding officer did not be-lieve that he was thereby endangering their lives or violating any of the laws of humanity. The department is waiting with interest for more infor-

mation on this point. State department reports today are are very active throughout the state violence have ravaged the coasts. and the military authorities are said to be exacting forced loans. Ameri-

by these demands.

War Vessels of Three Nations. For the first time since the despatch of foreign vessels to the west coast of Mexico, so far as officials recall, the craft of three different rations are in the same Mexican port. This international fleet, now at Mazatlan, is com-posed of the Japanese cruiser Idzuma, the British cruiser Shearwater and the American cruiser Pittsburgh and the supply ship Glacier. Officials here have received no advices as to the reason for the concentration of so formidable a squadron at this western

Reports continue to pour in from many sources describing the destituwidespread throughout Mexico in consequence of the suspension of industrial activities and the total failure of

crops throughout wide areas. Lind Asked for Conference.

Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 30.—President Wilson has given permission to John Lind, his personal representative Mexico, to come from Vera Cruz for a conference on Mexican affairs Mr. Lind asked, through the state department, whether he could have leave to sail aboard the cruiser Chester which was to leave Vera Cruz today,

BATTLE AT OJINAGA. Federals Who Crossed Border Driven

Back by U. S. Troops. Presidio, Texas, Dec. 30.-The federal army of 4,060 men at Ojinaga, opposite here, was put to flight last night by 4,200 constitutionalists sent General Villa from Chilmahua. the darknuess many of the federals crossed the river to the American side but all except the wounded were forced back by the United States troops.

The final rous was preceded by three hours' battle begun after dark in which the rebels marching through the deep canyons south of Ofinaga completely wiped out the federal outtria Pass and La Mulato, giving the rebels an unobstructed pass to within firing distance of Offinaga itself, caused a frenzied retrest among the federals About 400 of them plunged into the river to seek safely on the American side. They were forced back by Major

tean forces. A mutiny developed in the Ojinana forts. General Salazar and General Orozoo believing their men were about to desert, stood with drawn revolvers

threatening to shoot those who did not The badly wounded were the only case allowed to remain on this side and these were cared for by Dr. Burn-side of the United States army. The killed on both sides was small, but many were reported injured.

BATTLE CONTINUES.

No Builets Cross Border-Federals Not Likely to Surrender,

Presidio, Texas, Dec. 30.—The battle between 5,000 rehels under General Loribio Oriega and the northern di-vision of the Mexican federal army, entrenehed around Ojinaga, Mexico, across the horder from this place, still continued when darkness fell tonight. No bullets came across the horder. The forces had been engaged for 36

The forces had been engaged for 36 hours and many had been killed and wounded on both sides.

Neither of the opposing forces is provided with hospital facilities and the wounded have been left on the hill-sides where they fell.

Tenight, although the rebels appeared to have much advantage, the outcome of the struggle was not clearly defined, the federals with their

ly defined, the federals with their eleven generals, all flut is left of Huerta's military centrol of the far north, still having to win success against apparently hopeless odds or That the federals will surrender is

improbable because General Orrega-has explicit orders to execute the socalled volunteers and their commanders, General Pascual Drocco, Ynez Sal azar, Antonio Rojas, Blas Orpinal, Lazaro Alanis and Roque Gomez, Eighteen, hundred volunteers also come under the sentence of death imposed by order of General Villa.

National Railways Default. New York, Dec. 30. Disturbed con- | waska, New York.

Washington, Dec. 30 .- Limited means | ditions in Mexico have forced the Naof communication between the isolated tional Railways of Mexico and affiliatborder town of Presidio, Texas, and the north is given by officials here as of interest, due January 1, on bonds the reason that no news reached the amounting to \$11,800,000. E. N. Brown, president of the system, who made this garding the battle reported in progress announcement today, said that in lieu

LIND TO MEET WILSON. Leaves Vera Cruz on Fastest Cruiser

of American Navy. Vera Cruz, Mexico, Dec. 30.—By breakfast time New Year's day or soon curs, John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative, and the president himself, will be discussing face to face the international problems arising out of the Mexican revolution.
Mr. Lind left Vera Cruz at six o'clock tonight on board the Chester, the fastest cruiser of the American navy bound for Pass Christian, Miss., where President Wilson is spending his vacation. The Chester's captain and Rear Admiral Frank, F. Fletcher assured Mr. Lind that twenty-four hours would manders, and it is assumed, if Mexican | be sufficient to land him on the Louis-

IN WESTERN EUROPE. Coasts Swept by Violent Gales-Many

Deaths from Exposure. Paris, Dec. 26 .- France and a great that the financial tension in the Mexi- part of Europe are experiencing the initial has been relieved by the bitterest year-end in a decade, enforced bank holiday. Conditions at zards and floods have done great dam- ed, the last ballot being taken exactly Acapulco continue serious. Banditti age inland and gales of exceptional as the first. Two of the jurors had In Spain and Portugal the intense cold has caused numerous deaths. In cans and other foreigners are affected | the south of France the temperature has registered some degrees below zero, Fahrenhelt. Mount Vesuvius, in Italy, is covered with a mantle of

white. Germany is now in the grip of storms and in many places, including Berlin, there have been heavy falls of snow. In France and southwest Europe the railroads are cut in many places, and this section is practically isolated, so far as telegraph communication is concerned

Conditions are at the worst in cen-tral and western France, which are usually favored by mild winters. Scores of villages, which ordinarily never see snow, are cut off. The suffering of the poor is intense and deaths from exposure are common. Paris and outlying districts have been partly snow-bound and as a result of temporary thaws the tributa-

ries of the Seine are overflowing. The Paris steamboat service, as a consequence, has been suspended, and although the authorities do not anticiweather bureau foresses no immediate

improvement in conditions,

PREFERS HER CAT TO HER HUSBAND Quincy Woman Offers to Sell Her

Spouse for \$1,000. Boston, Dec. 30 .- "I am willing to sell my husband for \$1,000 cash." wrote Mrs. Agnes Bedell of Quincy to Miss Chandler in a letter which Miss Chandler made public tonight. William Bedell, the husband, when in-terviewed later is alleged to have expressed his willingness to "be sold. The letter, after explaining that Mrs, Bedell had seen Miss Chandler's name

in the newspapers, continued: "I see where you need a husband to take care of your property and to be a father to your haby. My husband is a workingman tired of supporting a family on small pay. I want money to open a boarding house. He will be content to sit with you and to tend the balf. As for me, I'd rather have

ABJECT SLAVERY UNDER THE MASK OF FREEDOM

McNames, commander of the Amer- Long Hours for Women and Children So Characterized,

Washington, Dec. 30. Freedom of in the community, dependent women and children to work long hours and under any conditions NEW BANK CHARTERS is but abject slavery masquereding under the name of freedom, declared Professor W. F. Willoughby of Prince-ion, in his address as president of the American Association for Labor Legislation, in joint session here today with the American Political Science association, His brother, Professor W. W. Willoughby of Johns Hopkins univer-sity, in his address as president of the Political Ecience association, veiced the same idea when he declared that "there should be no constitutional warrant given to the sponation of one individual for the primary benefit of other individuals."

CHINA NOT FREE FROM

GRAFT AND RASCALITY, Flowery Kingdom Has Corrupt Politicians Like United States.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 80.-Graft and rascality in municipal government thrive in China as well as in the Unit-Americans to understand Chinese politic, according to Charles R. Henderson of the University of Chicago, who addressed the closing segsion of the English Segsion of the Seggion of the addressed the closing session of the American Sociological society here in the locked iii. Now, according to this day, simultaneously with that of the American Economic association. Mr. Henderson's topic was 'Belations Belween the United States and China."

Steamship Arrivals. Sienoa, Dec. 27. Steamer Italia, New

Glasgow, Dec. 39 .- Steamer Califorula, New York. Liverpool, Dec. 39.—Steamer Lusit-ania, New York. Trieste, Dec. 27 .- Steamers Argen-

tina, New York; Martha Washington, New York. London, Dec. 30. Steamer Minne-

Receivers for Belgrade, Servia, Dec. 30.—The Servian premier, M. N. Patchir, today tendered to the king the resignation of

SUIT INSTITUTED BY THE HOLD. Milan, Dec. 30.—Leonardo Da Vinci's masterpiece, "Mona Liza," Is at last

on its journey back to Paris. The di-rector and curator of the Louvre and several Italian officials kept guard over STRAINING OF CREDITS it when it left Milan this afternoon.

Eighteen English Mills Close. Blackburn, Eng., Dec. 30.—Eighteen veaving mills in this district have been closed within the past few days ewing to the slump in the cotton trade Over 1,000 people have been thrown out of employment.

Cabled Paragraphs

Servian Cabinet Resigns.

"Mona Lisa" En Route to Paris.

Steamer Tasman Floated. Sydney, Australia Dec. 30,-The steamer Tasman, with her passengers aboard, is being towed from Bramble bay, in the Gulf of Papua, where she went aground Sunday, to Thursday Island. The vessel was floated today and the pumps are keeping the water

Pope in Good Health.

Rome, Dec. 30.-Pope Plus X is in excellent health, despite recent reports that he is indisposed. Today the pontiff received the diplomatic corps accredited to the vatican headed by the deast, Prince Von Schonburg-Hartenstein, the ambassador of Austro-Hungary, who presented greetings for the

Kaiser Shows Appreciation. Paris, Dec. 30,-In recognition of the evoted care shown to Capt. D. Von Winterfeldt, the military attache of the German embassy to France, who was seriously injured in an automooile accident last fall while following the French army manoeuvres, the German emperor today sent an auto-graph portrait to Eugene Etienne, the

SCHMIDT JURY FAILS TO REACH AGREEMENT Two Jurors Stood Out Against Conviction to the End.

French ex-minister of war.

New York, Dec. 30 .- After deliberating thirty-six hours, the jury trying the case of Hans Schmidt, the former priest of St. Joseph's church, accused of the murder of Anna Aumuller, reported about ten o'clock jonight that t could not reach an agreement and was discharged,

The foreman of the jury reported to Judge Foster that there was no posstood out against conviction all the time, said Foreman Ottinger. After thanking the jurors and free

nection with the case. Judge Foster directed that Schmidt be remanded to the Tombs. The accused ex-priest heard the report of the jury without showing much interest. It was learned that the two jurers who had failed to agree with the other ten were of the opinion that Schmidt was insane when he killed

the woman with whose murder he is charged. ACCEPTED BRIBES IN SENATORIAL CONTEST

Five Members of West Virginia Legislature Found Guilty. Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 30.—That five members of the West Virginia leg-islature are guilty of accepting bribes In connection with the election of a United States senator at the regular session held in January and February, 1913, and should be expelled is though the authorities do not antici- the finding of a joint committee of pate a flood of disastrous proportions, the two houses of the legislature made they are taking all precautions, as the public today. One member of the state and six members of the house of delegates were indicted last February charged with accepting bribes to vote for Colonel William Seymour Edwards as United States senator to succeed

Clarence W. Watson, Later Judge Nathan Goff of the United States ciruit court was elected State Senator Ben R, Smith and Delegates W. R. U. Dodds, Rath Duff, R. H. Asbury and Davis Hill are rec ommended for expulsion. Delegates G. S. Van Meter and Thomas J. Smith

have not been brought to trial. WOULD-BE LYNCHERS MAY BE INDICTED. Judge Instructs Grand Jury to Sift

Matter to the Bottom. Chestertown, Md., Dec. 30 .- An indictment charging murder in the first against Norman Mabel and James Paraway, negroes, for the killing of James R. Coleman, a well to do farmer, last Tuesday night. Both negroes had previously confessed their guilt, robber; being the motive of the crime. Chief Judge Constable instructed the grand jury to make a rigid invesligation into the storming of the fail Saturday night by a meb endeavoring to lynch the negroes. He urged the indictment of all whom the evidence implicated, regardless of their standing

ARE NOT NECESSARY.

Announcement Regarding Membership in Federal Reserve System. Washington, Dec. 30. Banks which enter the federal reserve system do not

need to take one new charters, both state and national hanks becoming members by making proper application and by becoming stockholders in federal reserve banks, according to a regulation issued tonight by the reserve bank organization committee, In its announcement the committee declared also that action by a board of directors is deemed sufficient to

on the safe side may sound out their stockholders. Crown Prince Alexis Improved. Lendon, Dec. 31 .- The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times gives the testimeny of an eye witness to the

Artist Dies of Starvation. Paris, Dec. 30.—The dead body of Wincelas Pelzynsk!, an artist of promise, was found in his studio this afternoon. His death revealed one of the most pitiful tragedies of the Latin quarter in years. He came to Paris a few months ago but did not meet with success. His funds were finally reduced to an extent necessitating the pawning of even his clothes and bed-The intense cold finished the work begun by starvation.

Seigel Stores

ING COMPANY.

Conditions in New York Stores Made

Readjustment of Finances Necessary -Private Banking House Involved. New York, Dec. 30 .- Two great department stores in New York and one in Boston, an express company, a wholesale house and a private banking house run in connection with the

department stores, all ailied with and controlled by the Siegel Stores cor-poration, of which Henry Siegel of this city is directing head and president, were placed in the hands of receivers today through a suit instituted by the holding company in the federal courts. None of the concerns, according to statements of counsel, is insolvent, and the action was taken to conserve their

good will, to rehabilitate and reorgan-Annual Gross Earnings \$40,000,000. The assets and liabilities were not stated. Curtallment M banks' credit made receivership imperative. Their gross earnings heretofore have been estimated at \$40,000,000 annually.
Two firms, the similarity of whose corporate name in one case and stock ownership by the Siegel Stores cor-

poration in the other, might result in he inference that they were involved n the fallure, were quick to issue statements explaining their position. The Greenhut-Siegel-Cooper company of this city has no connection, direct or otherwise, with the firms controlled by the Siegel Stores corporation; and n Chicago the store of Siegel, Cooper & company, although its stock is own-ed by the Siegel Stores corporation, is prospering. Counsel here issued statement to this effect, which was confirmed by Max Pam, general coun-sel for the Chicago store. The business there, he said, would be continued without interruption. The store, ne added, was in no sense a party to

The Firms Involved. The firms for which receivers were appointed are: The Fourteenth Street store,

New York. Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel, doing a private banking business as Herry Siegel & company, New York, Henry Siegel & company, wholeing them from further service in consalers, New York. Merchants' Express company, New

Henry Siegel company, Boston, a department store. For all except the banking house William A. Marble and J. S. Shepard, Jr., of this city were named receivers with bonds of \$50,000 each. Henry Melville was placed in charge of the banking business.

Bank Depositors Mostly Poor People. The amount of its deposits was not announced, but they were estimated at \$2,000,000, mostly in small accounts. It paid 4 1-2 per cent, interest and the majority of the depositors were com-

paratively poor people.

Bank May Be Solvent. Mr. Melville said tonight that he was not fully informed regarding the condition of the bank in the Fourteenth Street store. "If the store is solvent, the bank is all right," he said. A few depositors, mostly young girls and women, applied for their money late today and were told they would have to wait until auditors had gone over the books,

Counsel for the Siegel Stores cor-poration issued this statement to-Statement of Corporation. "The Siegel Stores corporation is a rifle shot, faintd Tuesday on the holding company and is a creditor of of a New York subway platform, fell upon the track in front of an expension and was instantly killed. ness are such that its success is dependent on the continuous success of the business represented by the other ompanies, partnerships and individuals. Credits of the New York stores adopted at yesterday's session of the have been so greatly strained that the annual convention of Phi Gamma Delbusiness cannot be successfully con- ta. tinued without some readjustment of

finances, although none of the comand appointment of receivers is degree was returned by the Kent and appointment of receivers is a occas county grand jury this atternoon friendly proceeding made in an effort sary. to prevent a disruption of the different parts of the large enterprise and o preserve the enormously valuable

good will of this great business for the benefit of its creditors and customers and the public generally Statement of Receivers.

Messrs, Marble and Sheppard had his to say: "The situation impresses us as one where co-operation by the creditors with the receivers is essential and will aid materially in securing the best results for all concerned. The relationship between all of the three concerns involved in this receivership was very close, in that each store was either a creditor or a debtor of the other store. The creditors will be given all information as soon as we ard our counsel rave an opportunity to collect and in he meantime the business will be car-

To Christianize the World.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 30. Five thousand college students, imbued with a common purpose, the eventual Christianization of the world, will assemble here tomorrow at the opening session of the convention of the student volunteers for foreign missions. The gathering will be the largest convention of college students ever held in America, William J. Bryan, secretary of state will address the convention bring a bank into the new system, but advises that banks which wish to be

> Mobile, Aia., Dec. 30,-Captain M. McGowan of the fishing schooner Ed-

Abandoned Bark Afire,

Sunday. Suffocated While Asleep. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 80.—Michael Aheara, aged 55, a carpenter, was suf-focajed during a fire at his home, No. 59 Liberty street, tonight. He was alone in the house and had lay down upon a souch for a doze. Fire started in another room, presumably from a

Horses Perish in Stable Fire.

crew were brought into Pensacela testimony, the prince has discarded the supports, walks unaided, but drags the leg a little, and is bright and rosy-

> New Britale, Conn., Dec. 39 .- Four that destroyed Miller & Schumburg's pected to be completed temorrew. It known. The loss is about \$3,900.